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Game on!

Elk Point Community Choir paid tribute to Canadian legend Stompin' Tom Connors with their rendition of 'The Hockey Song', featuring Randall Krys as the referee.

Hockey, handbells at Choir concert

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

"After this evening, you will be filled with the spirit of Christmas," Elk Point Community Choir president Barb Buryn promised in her words of welcome at the choir's annual Christmas Concert on Friday. "Let the magic envelop you."

The choir started off a capella, with 'Just Let Me Sing,' with Deanna Easthope taking he place at the piano for the next number, 'What Sweeter Music', featuring soloist Dixie Coleman. The choir's tremendous ability to sing multi-part harmony was beautifully displayed in 'Music Brings Joy.'

A medley of seasonal favourites involving bells was next, ringing in the season with numbers ranging from the 'Carol of the Bells' and 'Ding Dong Merrily on High' to 'I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day'.

A very traditional number, 'A Midnight Clear,' featured Kelsey Taylor and Robyn Sieben with their flutes. 'The Candlelight Canon' was the final group number for the choir in the first half of the program, before the men left the stage and the ladies performed 'Let There be Peace' and "Peace Like a River."

One of the young people who was honoured with a choir bursary this spring was next to perform, Tanner Shaw playing a piano solo, "Where Are You, Christmas?'

This year's guest group was the St. Paul-based handbell choir, made up of Patricia Gervias, Denise Paquette, Lorraine Cabaj, Kelsey Taylor, Sheila Hatch, Carole Bouchard, Linda Peters, Leanne Poulin, Linda Laing, Don Buryn and Udo Mueller, and directed by Joanne Lamoureux. Their presentations of 'Infant Holy', 'Silent Night', Good King Wenceslas', 'What Child is This', 'O Tannenbaum' and 'Angels We Have Heard on High' brought huge bursts of applause from the delighted crowd and a standing ovation at the end of the set.

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Light judging tomorrow

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce will once again hold their Christmas Lighting and Decorating contest this year, with judging set for tomorrow evening, Wednesday, Dec. 18, beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone please make sure your lights are on for the judges to admire on their annual tour around town.

Council updated on Riverland projects

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Riverland Recreational Trail Society president Marvin Bjornstad visited Elk Point Town Council last week to provide an update on the year's activities. His visit was one of a series to the municipalities that make up North East MuniCorr, the owners of the Iron Horse Trail.

"We felt we were getting out of touch with the towns and counties," he noted, reporting that Riverland marked 10 years of operation in 2013, and has spent approximately $1.5 million over that time on trail development.

"The big things this year were the water lines," Bjornstad said, with the line in the County of Smoky Lake having a portion of trail shut down for a period of time, and work on the St. Paul – Elk Point line continuing. If a water line is built from St. Paul to Ashmont, he noted, that could potentially utilize the trail right of way as well.

This year saw "a lot of groups on the trail," one including a total of 14 provincial cabinet ministers and MLAs, which Bjornstad said included "good discussions."

Operational costs are shared by the member municipalities, and the grooming foundation is now "more solvent" than they were in previous years when they sometimes had to rely on donations of fuel to operate, he said. Two donations this year provided substantial help for the trail, with a welding company by Smoky Lake fixing an erosion problem on a hill that Bjornstad estimates could have cost the society close to $25,000, and a donation of rig mats valued at close to $30,000 "fixed our problem by Heinsburg," at a spot where the Riverland executive found themselves mired in a mudhole earlier this year when they went to check out the problem. The County of Smoky Lake has not contributed to the operating funds, but now has "a more positive council," so Bjornstad is hopeful for the future.

The society's major project is, of course, restoration of the Beaver River trestle, which was damaged by fire, and fundraising is underway. The project was featured on the Aviva community program, where the trestle made it into the semi-finals, falling short in the voting but still earning $5,000 toward the restoration, which "all told, will cost about $1.5 million," Bjornstad said. Now that Aviva's top projects have moved to the next round of voting, Riverland will send out a letter to the municipalities asking them to contribute to the restoration.

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Division budget surplus inspires future planning

By Sam Macdonald
Review Contributor

St. Paul Education Regional Division is running a surplus this year, according to a letter received by the division from its auditor.

SPERD Chair Heather Starosielski brought up the letter at last week's Dec. 11 regular meeting. It was agreed the surplus should encourage planning for future budgets, and projects to ensure the money is put to good use.

"Right now we're looking at anything we can improve, the funds are available," said Superintendent Glen Brodziak. "We threw it out to teachers, administration, and stakeholders, these are the people who know most about our programs and initiatives."

Starosielski added, "I commend administration for being so prudent. We're lucky to be in this situation, and able to move forward with common goals."

Sponsorship

The matter of selling sponsorship on basketball uniforms at F.G. Miller School in Elk Point was brought back to the table at last week's meeting.

After a request for more information, Brodziak informed the board that the company looking to sponsor the team uniforms was DOG Inspection Services, a company that has been providing oil inspection services for the last 10 years, in Elk Point. Brodziak said the name of the company is an acronym of the owner's first, middle, and last name.

Brodziak also said the lettering for the sponsor would feature two to three-inch letters on the jerseys of the uniforms, and would be "relatively small." With no further questions, a motion was carried to allow for the company name to be placed on basketball team jerseys.

Calendar Update

Brodziak reported the calendar committee is putting together a draft for a calendar of the 2014-15 school year. The draft will be up for review by trustees, and teachers at schools in the division. After review, it will be revised if necessary, and finalized. Brodziak said one of the ideas associated with the coming year's calendar is to add around six minutes to each school day.

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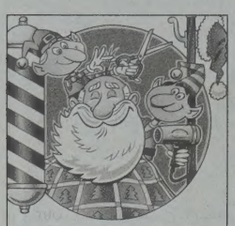

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Town council

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MuniCorr has already spent $255,000 on assessment of the restoration, replacement of a large and essential wooden beam, and engineering drawings for rebuilding. They have received a $25,000 CFEP grant and Bonnyville MLA Genia Leskiw has committed provincial funding of $125,000 for each of 2013 and 2014 for the project, Bjornstad said, "so we need just under $1 million more to rebuild." The provincial grants must be matched, he added.

"We have approached the City of Cold Lake and the MD of Bonnyville, and are asking each of them for a $125,000 contribution. Maybe the rest of the municipalities, as a group, could contribute another $125,000." He and Marianne Price formulated a formula "out of our heads" by calculating the population, assessment and length of trail in each municipality, and said this would come to $50,000 for the County of St. Paul and $4,000 for the town of Elk Point as suggested amounts. "It would be harder on the rural municipalities," he noted, emphasizing that municipalities "could give more or less. You're all part of MuniCorr."

MuniCorr itself has $1 million in the bank, but cannot access it until June, which would substantially delay the start of the six- to eight-month project, he said. "And if they use up their reserves, they'll be back asking for money."

Bjornstad said Vermilion - Lloydminster MLA Richard Starkey is working on obtaining a grant, area snowmobile clubs are seeking a donation from the Alberta Snowmobile Association and, "Now that we know what it's going to cost, we can work on (getting donations from) the corporate sector."

Town Coun. Lorne Young asked about the cost of insuring the trestle, which would be in the neighborhood of $100,000 per year, Bjornstad said that Riverland has been looking at a fire detection and suppression system. Both the supplier and CN Rail are considering using the trestle for a pilot project to see how well it works, as CN is exploring the possibility of installing similar units on all their trestles.

Open Christmas Eve

Town manager Myron Goyan pointed out an error in the Review's town council coverage in the Nov. 19 issue, which stated that the town office is closed at noon on Christmas Eve. "We are always open until 4 p.m.," he stated.

Operating budget

Goyan led council through the draft of the 2014 operating budget, explaining a number of points for the benefit of the new councillors, and answering any questions. He noted that the operating budget can be amended at any time before the mill rate is set in June. Council moved to approve the operating budget, which goes into effect Jan. 2.

Energy aggregation

Council also approved the signing of the Alberta Municipal Services Corporation (AMSC) Member Master Agreement for the coming year, which offers drops in both power and natural gas rates as well as other benefits to the municipality.

Software support

Another agreement receiving approval will provide support for the town's Muniware computer software for the coming year. Goyan told council that administration will need "more capacity and more speed, a new mainframe and stations in the new year," with these items to be included in the capital budget.

Law seminar

Council received information on an upcoming municipal law seminar, which includes sessions on emergency management, council governance, board management and mitigating emergencies. Goyan, who has attended such seminars before, said he has found them very beneficial, He and two councillors were given the approval to attend.

Alberta Hub

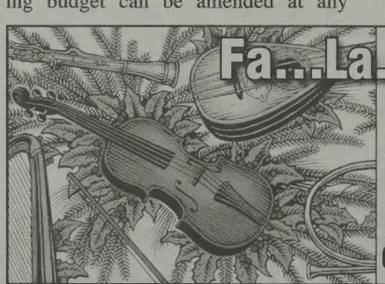
Deputy Mayor Bernice Capjack reported on the Alberta Hub meeting she attended, listing a number of new board members and noting that this made the roundtable session somewhat difficult, because "they didn't have the answers" to questions they were asked, and some of the veteran members were unable to attend. It was noted that in the current period of rapid growth in the region, "people want land and they want it now; some communities aren't ready and they need to get ready, That was the general message," Capjack said.

Chamber concerns

Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich questioned the cancellation of the Dec. 12 chamber meeting, with Coun. Debra McQuinn, who is also the chamber president, replying that neither she nor the treasurer would have been able to attend due to other commitments, and asked that notices be sent out canceling the meeting.

It was also noted that the Christmas Extravaganza parade did not follow the advertised route, which disappointed the residents of a seniors' complex. It was also noted that Christmas lights on the large tree east of the Eco Centre do not go all the way to the top, and a note was made to make sure this was done next year, even if it involves hiring a picker truck.

On a positive note, Coun. Young reported positive feedback from a resident who said street cleaning of snow is better this year than ever before.



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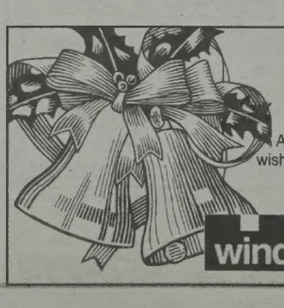

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County funding for Elk Point groups

By Janice Huser
Review Contributor

Following last month's request for more information, the County of St. Paul council has now approved funding amounts for Elk Point recreation groups.

The grant totals $40,000, with $8,000 going to the curling club, $20,000 to the A.G. Ross Arena, and $12,000 to the C.G. Baker Riding Arena. Council also agreed to help with roadwork near the Elk Point golf course.

"We need to keep in mind that other communities . . . don't have a tax base to draw from," said Reeve Steve Upham, specifically noting that volunteers in Mallaig are often working casinos and raising funds for their facilities.

"I totally agree," said Division 1 Coun. Glen Ockerman. Council then approved the motion to support the Elk Point groups.

Council also agreed to support the construction of a garage for the Elk Point handibus. The garage is estimated to cost just over $36,000. The Heritage Lodge Auxiliary requested the Town of Elk Point and the county jointly fund the project.

Division 2 Coun. Dwight Dach made a motion to support half the cost of the project, with funding coming from the 2014 budget. The motion was carried.

Budget

Council passed its interim 2014 budget at Tuesday's regular council meeting.

Estimated numbers for 2014 are: $29.9 million for operating revenues; $19.9 million for operating expenditures; and $10 million for capital.

CAO Sheila Kitz told council the interim budget is similar to last year's budget. According to the Municipal Government Act, a municipality can adopt an interim budget for part of a calendar year.

Library funding

Council approved a request from the County of St. Paul Library Board to increase its funding to just over $100,000.

The funding increase translates to $16.59 a per capita for 2014. According to information in the agenda for last week's meeting, the provincial average is 26.34.

Dach voiced his support for the increase, saying, "libraries have moved ahead," and encouraged anyone who hadn't been in a library recently to stop by and visit. He added that losing the provincial Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) has affected libraries.

He also noted that staff members at local libraries are not making a lot in wages, but rather they work there because they enjoy the work.

Council voted in favour of the increase.

New Equipment

Council agreed to purchase over $2.2 million worth of equipment for the public works department, including two plow trucks, two graders, gen set for crusher, scissor neck trailer, ATCO trailer for crusher/construction.

The equipment will be funded with the 2014 budget.

A 14-foot enclosed trailer for the utilities department was also on the list, but was not approved by council. The trailer would have been used by staff when repairing things like water breaks, and would stock the pieces that might be needed while fixing things.

Coun. Frank Sloan asked if the stock could instead be stored in the fire halls instead.

Council also agreed to purchase an 815 Packer before the end of the 2013 fiscal year to take advantage of the current pricing, which is about $477,000. The money will come from the county's unrestricted surplus.

Murphy Road

Although the county received an estimate of $7 million in 2012 to fix Murphy Road, the current road construction market could result in a significant reduction in price, and Public Works Superintendent Leo deMoissac recommended the county bring the project to tender.

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Interfaith Cantata rescheduled

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

The widespread power outage that left Elk Point in the dark on Sunday, Dec. 8 caused the cancellation of that evening's Interfaith Cantata at the Elk Point United Church.

This popular event brings together the choirs and congregations from a number of area churches for a joint presentation of songs, readings and a Nativity pageant performed by the children.

Participants spend numerous evenings in late November and early December practicing for the performance, and it is good to hear that all their preparations will go ahead after all.

The Cantata has now been rescheduled for the Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. in the United Church, so come out and enjoy a wonderful evening filled with the music of the season.

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Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Chris Letawsky

- More people are starting to use their cell phones as a reminder to take their medication. Just be sure the reminder is a sound that you will associate with taking your meds. If high-tech phones aren't for you, try using a digital kitchen timer. Some allow for reminders of up to 12 hours later. Carry it in your pocket or purse.
- Head injuries account for 9-19% of all winter sports activities. When you are buying a protective helmet for your sport, be sure it is CSA approved. A good helmet can considerably reduce the risk of head injury.
- Heart attacks occur more often in cold weather. The cold causes the blood vessels to constrict causing the blood pressure to rise putting a strain on the heart which is trying so hard to keep our body warm. Also age and exercise (like shovelling that driveway) can also contribute to the heart attack risk.
- Good food abounds at this time of year and to avoid gaining excess pounds, good self discipline is in order. When sitting down to a holiday meal, try this: fill half your plate with vegetables, a quarter with protein and a quarter with starch. Actually, this is a good rule for eating all year round!
- All the pharmacists and the wonderful staff of our pharmacy extend to you our very best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season.

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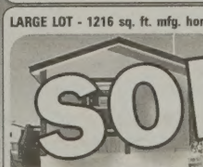

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Editorial

Seven sleeps!

With just one week to go before Christmas Eve, excitement is growing among the youngsters and parents are getting more frazzled by the day. So much to do, so little time, and the lists never seem to get shorter.

So, kids, give Mom and Dad a break, and be really good this week. Be extra helpful, and don't even think about changing your mind about what you want to find under the tree.

We don't want to end up on the naughty list, do we?

Way Back When...

PTA, Extravaganza, cuts for a cause

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of Dec. 17 in...

1988

Nearly 100 parents, teachers and trustees gathered at F. G. Miller High School to lay the foundation for a parent-teacher association, new FGM principal Jim Hawkins noting that, "By working together, we can develop a really good situation and keep abreast of changes in the school and the community." A new category, 'Apartment Windows and Balconies,' was added to the chamber of commerce lighting and decorating contest.

1993

The annual Christmas Extravaganza set the stage for Christmas, with Santa checking out who had been naughty or nice, horse-drawn wagons taking capacity crowds for a ride around town, Boy Scouts selling trees and talented crafters offering unique gifts for sale, in addition to all the shopping specials of the evening. A reverse trade show, where entrepreneurs came to meet with industry, local governments and facility representatives, was a big success, with both suppliers and their potential customers finding the evening beneficial.

1998

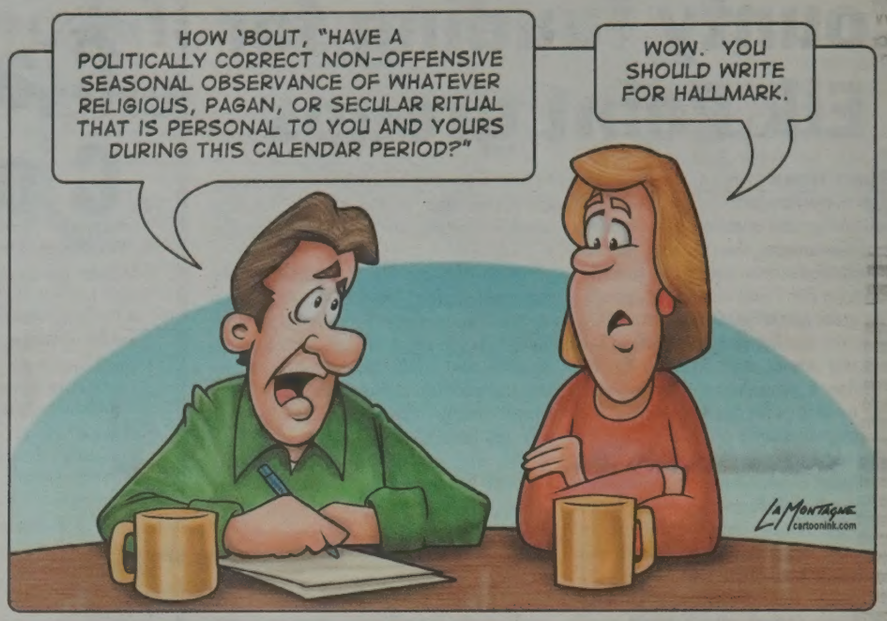
What a night it was, as Elk Point kicked off the Christmas season with Extravaganza, where F. G. Miller High School band members played music by the bonfire, Ole Fedorus transported load after cheering load of passengers in his tractor-drawn wagon and Santa dispensed an endless procession of candy canes as he visited with the youngsters. Elk Point Community Choir heralded the season with a pair of concerts, with Kim Beardy, Laurie Keichinger, Shirley and Sarah Osinchuk donning their bathrobes and fuzzy slippers for a special presentation of "Christmas Chopsticks."

2003

There were four chairs and no waiting at Elk Point Fire Hall, as 23 men and two young ladies lost their locks to raise close to $10,000 in donations and pledges to assist five-year-old cancer victim Clarissa Gusnowski. The Town of Elk Point's new land use bylaw passed without opposition, with no written submissions or complainants coming forward at the public hearing.

2008

Representatives of six organizations, two province-owned tourist attractions and two municipalities met to lay the groundwork for a master plan for Elk Point's Iron Horse Trail staging area. The town considered an in-town recycling depot, with Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich reporting that Bonnyville had purchased their own bins, with the contents picked up for recycling by Big Jim's Recycling Centre in Lac La Biche, which might also work for Elk Point.



Guest Column

Christmas shepherds

deanna **EASTHOPE**

from the FCSS desk

When we think about Christmas, I hope we remember that Jesus Christ, whose birthday we will be celebrating on the 25th is our great Shepherd. You could say that symbolically, there where shepherds watching their flocks when the angel appeared to them and told them that Christ was born. The Christmas carol, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" with music by George Friedrich Handel, tells the story.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around,
And glory shone around.
"Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind,
To you and all mankind.
"To you in David's town this day
is born, of David's line,
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign –
And this shall be the sign;
"The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
All meanly wrapt in swathing bands
and in a manger laid,
And in a manger laid."

From the book, "Come Let Us Adore Him" by Robert J. Morgan, I learned that this popular carol owes its endurance to two men with dark financial woes. The first, Naham Tate, was born in Dublin in 1652 to a preacher who was literally named Faithful – Rev. Faithful Teate (original spelling). After attending Trinity College in Dublin, young Naham migrated to London to be a writer. His success was slow in coming, but he dabbled with plays, adapted the prose of others, and eventually was named poet laureate in 1692 and appointed royal historiographer ten years later. Unfortunately, Naham was intemperate and careless in handling money, and he lived in perpetual financial distress. He died in an institution for debtors in 1715.

His chief claim to fame was his collaboration with Nicholas Brady in compiling a hymnbook entitled The New Version of the Psalms of David, published in 1696. It was re-issued in 1700 with a supplement in which this carol first appeared. The words to "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" represent a very literal paraphrase of Luke 2:8-14, making this one of our most biblically accurate Christmas carols.

The second man instrumental in the song's success was George Frederick Handel, composer of the music to which this carol is sung. Handel was born in Germany with the inborn talent of a musical genius. His father pressured the young man to enter law school, but George would not be denied, writing his first composition by age twelve and amazing choirmasters with his artistry. He eventually moved to London, where he enjoyed great success for a season. Then his popularity waned, his income dwindled, and he went bankrupt. It was the remarkable success of Messiah that salvaged Handel's career – and bank account. Through it all, Handel's powerful personality pressed on.

On one occasion, just as a concert was about to begin, his friends gathered to tell him the concert hall was nearly empty. Few people had bought tickets. "Never mind," Handel said after pausing to absorb the news. "The music will sound the better," due to the nearly empty room.

How ironic! These two men never met, they both struggled with poverty, faced bankruptcy, and worried about making ends meet – yet they enriched the world beyond measure, providing millions of people for scores of generations with the gift of song every Advent season.

It is interesting about the gifts that have been given to us and passed down over the years. Christmas carol music is one of those gifts. May we all take time to enjoy listening to the gift of Christmas carols with the story they tell.

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Warm wishes cover the TD Canada Trust tree.

Trees of Warmth decked by generous givers

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Christmas trees placed in local financial institutions by Elk Point Christian Community Church's King's Kids a few weeks ago are now wrapped in warmth, thanks to the generosity of our community.

Mittens and gloves, socks, scarves and an amazing variety of cozy hats now cover the trees in bright profusion, even overflowing into bags and boxes tucked beneath the bottom branches.

The much needed items of outdoor wear will be collected and delivered to a mission in Edmonton for distribution to the less fortunate right after Christmas.

Generosity overflows into a box tucked under the ATB Financial tree.

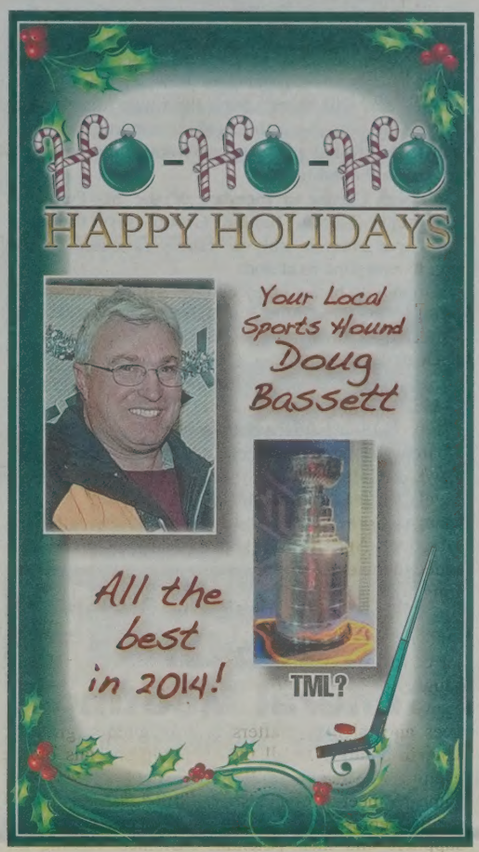
A Gift that leaves us speechless

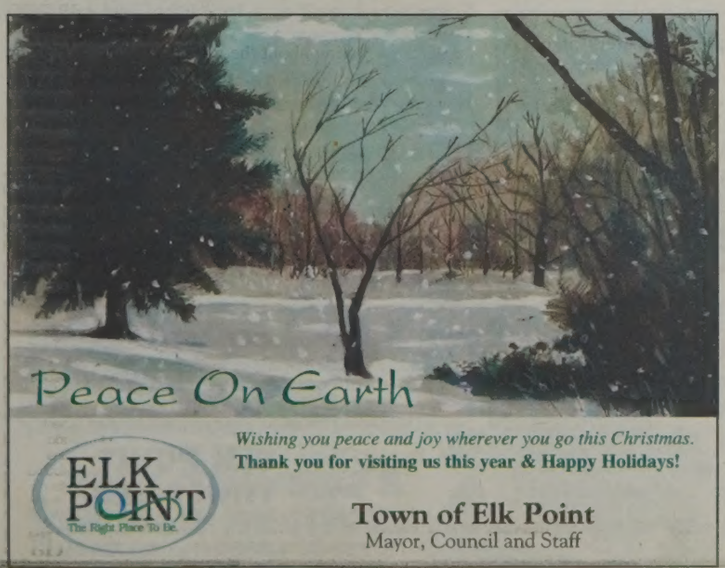
By Pastor Jim MacLellan
Elk Point Baptist Church

Soon the turkey dinners will be over and all the gifts handed out. Many of us will be thrilled with what we receive this Christmas. I wonder how many of us will get a gift that leaves us speechless? The Apostle Paul was writing to Christians in the city of Corinth. Within his letter he wrote these words: "Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15, ESV). Well, at least that's the way the English Standard Version translates the verse. That's a pretty good interpretation of the Greek text which is something like, "unable to declare." The ol' King James Version is similar. Thanks for God's "unspeakable" gift.

So what is this gift that is too wonderful for words? This gift is a Person. This gift is Jesus. God is the best gift-giver. That favorite of all verses reminds us "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16, ESV). Of course this is really what Christmas is all about.

God's desire this Christmas is that you enjoy a Gift that will take your breath away. Our prayer is that the delight and treasure of Jesus Christ will leave you speechless. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!





Area families chosen for New Year's benefit share their stories

By Janice Huser with files from Sam Macdonald
Review Contributors

With just a couple weeks to go before the New Years Eve Family Benefit Dance, organizers are busy soliciting businesses for donations and putting the finishing touches on the annual event.

Although the deadline for nominations had to be extended this year, organizers now have four local families that will benefit from the funds raised at the event. This year, the families share a common theme, each of them having at least one young child battling a rare medical condition.

Maggie Cartier, a member of the St. Paul and Community Family Benefit Group, says the New Years Eve event is truly a "family function" and is open to everyone to attend.

Along with being a dance, there will be a children's zone set up, a candy bar, a silent auction, and other fun activities. This year the event is moving to a larger location, the St. Paul Rec. Centre.

Last week, the group introduced the chosen families to the community.

Albrecht Family

Eric and Verena Albrecht were taken aback when they found out about their nomination for the St. Paul and Community Family Benefit.

"We were surprised," said Verena "They called us, and we thought it was nice that people think about us and our kids."

"We aren't used to that," said Eric, adding that in Germany, where the couple originates, "it's not like that. You're expected to find your way on your own."

The Albrecht family faces a number of daily challenges, as both their daughters, Lisa-Marie, 12, and Emilee-Ann, 8, were born with serious medical conditions and require their parents' constant care.

Both girls were born prematurely and underweight, and have conditions such as Bartter Syndrome, which causes kidney problems and hearing loss. The girls have required cochlear implants to air in their hearing, and require dialysis and medications for their kidney problems.

The girls also have special dietary and eating requirements to ensure their health.

When asked about the upcoming benefit, both parents quickly made it clear that the money would go to their daughters.

"We feel it's important to see it goes to them because it's their life, their disease, their handicap. They are the ones who have challenges to face, more so than we do," said Verbena.

Between the care for their daughters, and costs associated with their goal of obtaining full Canadian citizenship, and the assorted costs of living, the Albrechts regularly face thousands of dollars in expenses.

"We don't know who nominated us," said Eric, "We wanted to say thank you to whoever it was. It means a lot to us."

Deschamps Family

When Joe and Melissa Deschamps found out their youngest daughter had a rare medical condition, they admit they felt sorry for themselves, but after numerous visits to the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton and support and prayers from family and friends, they soon realized that they were blessed to be able to take their daughter home after her treatments.

Rhiann, the youngest of three girls, was diagnosed with lymphatic malformation in February of this year after her parents noticed something wasn't right.

"The condition affects her lymph system on her throat, floor of her mouth and both sides of her lower face," says Melissa, adding, "When your lymph system is normal when you get an infection it carries the fluid away from your body. When Rhiann gets an infection her body stores the fluid in those areas, which at times can cause issues with her breathing and eating."

The Deschamps family was given two options for treatment for Rhiann, surgery or injections every six weeks. Melissa and Joe opted for injections and have been making regular trips to the Stollery since the diagnosis.

So far, Rhiann has had five injections and has to be put under anesthetic each time.

"This is a life long issue for her and we are taking it one day at a time," says Melissa. "Her issue is rare so it is hard to say how long it will take if or what treatment will work best."

She adds that it is tough leaving her other two daughters at home when bringing Rhiann to appointments.

"They are in great hands, but it's hard for them to understand and cope with their little sister being gone."

Melissa says she and Joe were surprised to find out they had been nominated for the benefit.

"I am thankful that we live in a great community with such great support. We are humbled by this and always think there is someone that could use this more than we can."

Forry family

Although she knew it was a possibility for her daughter Avah to be diagnosed with hemophilia, Caitlin Forry says the chance of a girl being diagnosed with the medical condition was rare and has resulted in some lifestyle changes for the four-year-old.

Avah's dad also has the condition, which results in a person's blood not clotting normally, says Caitlin. Her daughter was officially diagnosed with the condition in mid-November.

Prior to her diagnosis, Avah could take part in dance class and gymnastics, but has now been advised by doctor against many activities. After a number of visits with doctors in Edmonton, Avah can now get treatment in St. Paul if she does have a bleed.

"Honestly, I was surprised," says Caitlin, of being nominated for the family benefit. "I didn't really know how to react. I'm very appreciative, but I'm not used to being on this side of things."

Gratton Family

It's been four years since Logan Gratton was diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disorder, and in that time, his parents, Terra-Lee and Maurice, along with their three other children, have made many trips to the Stollery hospital, and are regulars at the hospital in St. Paul, where Logan now receives his necessary treatments.

Now 10 years old, when Logan was six, doctors diagnosed him with Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP), which is a disorder that results in a person's body creating antibodies against the blood's platelets.

Every three weeks, Logan's platelet counts drops drastically and he is required to spend at least three hours in the hospital receiving a treatment, explains Terra-Lee.

But, despite her son's diagnosis, she stresses that Logan sees himself as a regular boy and even continues to enjoy playing hockey.

"It's been a trying time. The first two years were a lot of stress," says Terra-Lee, but the family has learned a "new normal" and has fallen into the routine of Logan's treatments.

The Gratton family was only made aware that they had been nominated as one of this year's families to benefit from the upcoming New Year's dance late last week.

"I was very surprised."

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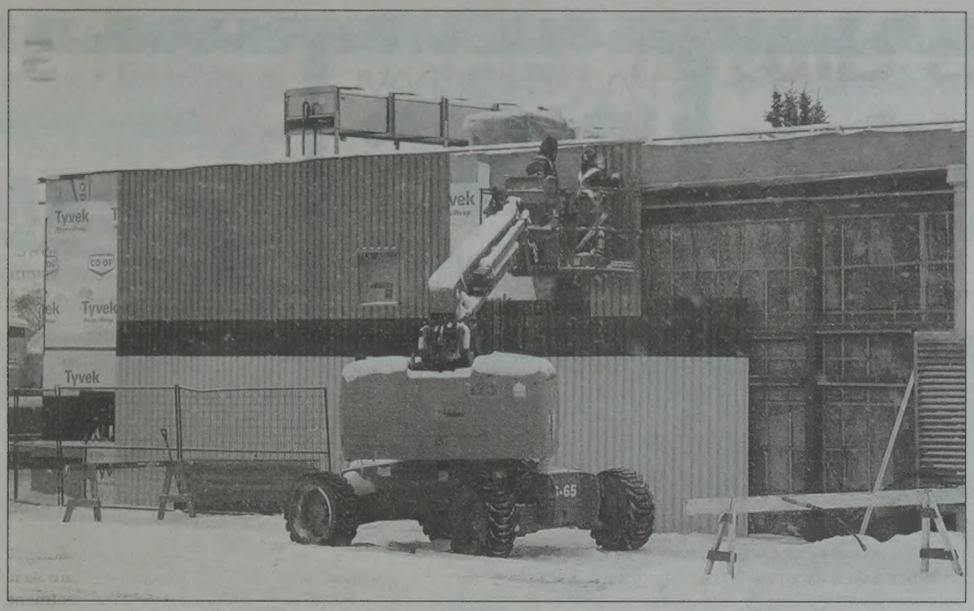

Installing siding while the snow flies

It wasn't the greatest weather for the job, but the siding installation crew at Elk Point Co-op's expansion and renovation project soldiered on despite snow flurries and temperatures near the -20 degree mark last Thursday. Here they were replacing the siding on the current store to match that on the new portion. Store manager Mark Gormley and his staff are coping well with the renovations and are eager to seethe completion of the new part of the store.

Vicki Brooker photo

Good news of great joy

By Pastor David Holden
Elk Point Christian Community Church

Our long wait for Christmas is finally over – the countdown complete. And, as did the shepherds on that quiet, still hillside of ancient Bethlehem, we too can glorify and praise God.

In Luke, chapter 2 and verses 8 through 14 it says: "That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terribly frightened, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news of great joy for everyone! The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born tonight in Bethlehem, the city of David! And this is how you will recognize him: You will find a baby lying in a manger, wrapped snugly in strips of cloth!" Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to all whom God favors."

When the angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds in the field, he gave them good news of great joy for all people: The long-awaited Savior was born! Then the angel was suddenly "joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God" (Luke 2:13 NLT). This same good news of great joy is for us too! For unto us a Son is given – the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. (Is 9:6)The angels rejoiced because the day of salvation was here. The good news they proclaimed that day had to do with much more than Jesus' birth, didn't it? It anticipated His sinless life, which qualified Him to be God's sacrificial lamb. It looked ahead to His crucifixion on our behalf, His burial in that stone cold tomb and His resurrection, which signalled the Father's acceptance of Christ's payment for our sins. The announcement of good news of great joy also encompassed the idea of His ascension into heaven. And it envisioned the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit would indwell believers, as well as the time yet to come when Jesus will return as King.

Jesus came into our world 2000 years ago. He spoke of Himself as the good news of great joy. He spoke about spiritual joy because He wanted His followers, that's us, to experience the deep satisfaction that is derived from an intimate, personal relationship with God.

Long ago the angels in heaven rejoiced at the announcement of Jesus' birth. Today, the angels in heaven rejoice when one sinner bows their heart before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Have you done that? Have you given your heart, your life, your all to Jesus? If you haven't, you need to know He stands at the door of your heart right now, knocking. If invited, He will come in, and bring a special gift for you this Christmas – the gift of eternal life in heaven with all the saints that have gone before. You don't have to know all that's written about God. You just have to know that you need a Savior – Jesus, the Christ, Immanuel – God with us.

Award correction

In the coverage of the Farm Family Award in the Dec. 10 issue of the Elk Point Review, it was mistakenly stated that Shannon Capjack works at F. G. Miller High School, when in fact it is Sandi Capjack who works there. Sincere apologies to Shannon, Sandi and the rest of the family for the error.

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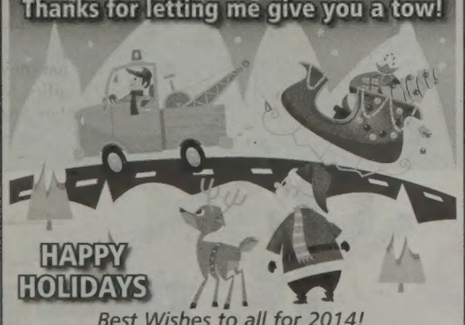
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HIGHLIGHTS

December 10, 2013 Council Meeting

Landroller – Council has decided to advertise the 30 foot landroller for sale and will not be purchasing a new one to replace it, as there are several private companies in the area who have landrollers available to rent. The Ag Service Board will continue to rent the 15 foot landroller.

Regional Collaboration Grant – The grant application to do a joint feasibility study with the County of Two Hills for a lagoon at Lac Sante has been approved. Administration will send out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a consultant to conduct the feasibility study.

Amendments to the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan – Council gave first reading to Bylaw No. 2013-50 and 2013-51, updates to the LUB and MDP. The main amendments refer to agriculturally zoned property. The amendment will allow for an increase in subdivisions size on existing yard sites to allow for up to 20 acres. Vacant farmland (land currently under cultivation, pasture or treed) subdivisions will allow a maximum lot size of 10 acres. The total land used for the purpose of subdivision on a quarter section remains at 20 acres/quarter section. A landowner will still be permitted to create up to 4 subdivisions/quarter section as long as the total area of those subdivisions does not exceed 20 acres. A public hearing will be held at the January Council meeting to hear from anyone who has concerns/feedback on the proposed changes. The proposed bylaws can be viewed on the County website.

Bylaws – Council approved a new FCSS Bylaw, which represents changes in the appointments of Board Members from a 3 year term to a 4 year term so that the appointments are consistent with the Municipal election. They also approved short term borrowing bylaws to finance the Master Card Account and short term operations of the County – these bylaws are annual standard operating procedure.

Fee Schedule Bylaw – Council adopted an updated fee schedule bylaw which includes all rate changes that were made over the course of the year as well as proposed changes recommended by various committees. Rates in the bylaw are reviewed annually to keep up with inflation rates and to re-evaluate the services provided to ratepayers.

Road Protection / Maintenance Agreements – Council approved agreements to be used by the Public Works Department to implement a road haul fee. One agreement will allow a heavy hauler to be charged a haul road fee of $0.20 per tonne per mile of County road used for all aggregate material hauled outside of the Municipality. The other Agreement is for the maintenance related to the use of the Municipality's roads. The intent of these agreements is for the heavy haulers to assist in keeping the roads in a safe and passable state of repair during the term of the agreement, while the road is being increasingly used by the haulers.

Overlay for Murphy Road – Administration will be tendering out the overlay for the Murphy Road. Tendering the project will allow Council to gain a better perspective on the current market and will provide an up-to-date cost of the overlay, however they will not be obligated to award the tender.

Capital Equipment Purchases – Council approved Administration to proceed with obtaining quotes and purchasing equipment that will be funded in the 2014 Capital Budget. Total equipment purchases approved are estimated at $2,231,000. Equipment includes Plow Trucks, Graders, Gen Set for Crusher, Scissor Neck Trailer, and Office Trailer for Crusher/Construction.

Funding:

- $500 – Mallaig School and St. Paul Regional High School for Sr. Girls attending Provincial Championships
- $20,000 – A.G. Ross Arena
- $12,000 – CG Baker Riding Arena
- $8,000 – Elk Point Curling Club
- $18,200 – Heritage Lodge Auxiliary to jointly fund a garage with the Town of Elk Point for the handibus from the 2014 budget.
- $500 – MS Walk

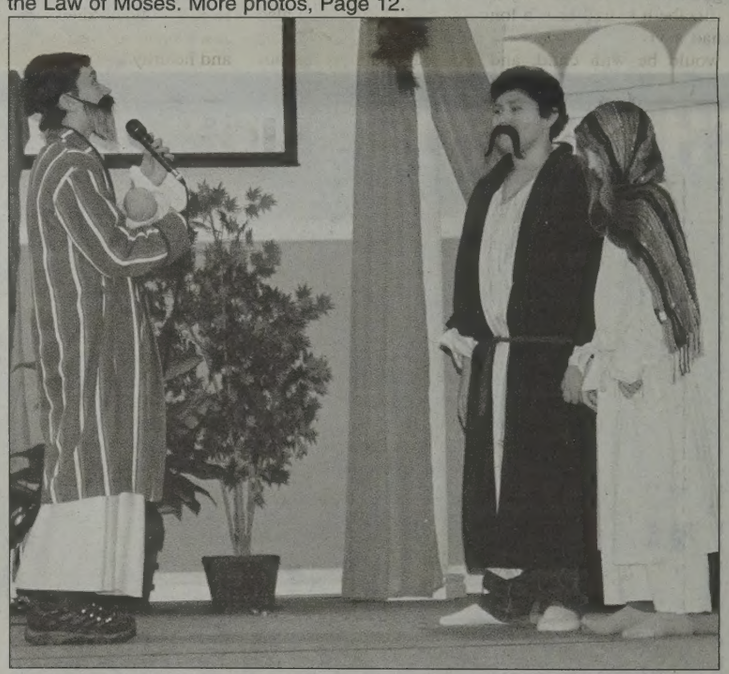
We are requesting that when residents are clearing their driveway and push the snow across the road, that they do not leave ridges on the road as this is a safety issue.

Residents who require snow removal on their driveways can purchase flags from the County at the Administration Office, Public Works, or the Town of Elk Point Administration Office. Seniors can have their driveways plowed free of charge, however they require a flag which can be picked up from the County Administration Office or Public Works.

Christmas Hours – The County Office will be closed December 25 to 27, 2013 and January 1, 2014.

For more information contact Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul at 780-645-3301, ext. 208.

Both blessed by God, Mary (left) and Elizabeth discuss the miracles that have been bestowed on them, (above). Below, Simeon (left) blesses the Baby Jesus when Joseph and Mary brought Him to the temple to comply to the Law of Moses. More photos, Page 12.



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Baptist Sunday School tells 'the whole story'

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

What Elk Point Baptist Church Pastor Jim MacLellan called "one of the few Nativity plays that tell the whole story" was performed by the church's Sunday School, with everyone from tots to teens taking part. "I hope today will bring you into the sense that Christmas is really coming."

The play portrays "the number and diversity of the lives touched... and drawn into the drama" surrounding the birth of Jesus, said Lois Doering, its director and one of several narrators. "Each one had his part to play, and then left the scene; together they made up the supporting cast" for the age-old story.

Zachariah, the Jewish priest, who had been chosen by the Lord to serve in the temple, and his wife, Elizabeth, who was barren and getting on in years, begin the story, with Mary, the virgin who became "a willing vessel" and Joseph, her betrothed and a just and devout man, soon added to the cast, as was Caesar Augustus, the emperor who decided that all should be taxed and a census taken.

The innkeeper was not mentioned in scripture, but "should be remembered," Doering said, because of the kindness shown to the weary travelers, despite having every room filled. The angels, large and small, the townspeople, the shepherds, "nameless working men" with exemplary devotion to their flocks, the Wise Men or Magi, who were deeply religious men, and the treacherous puppet king of the Jews, Herod, all played significant roles. Less known are Simeon, an elderly man led by the Holy Spirit, who vowed to stay alive until he saw the Holy Child and who then offered prophetic words, and Hannah, the widowed prophetess, age 84.

With the cast introduced, the story began, each segment enhanced by a carol played and led by Kerry Anderson. Several of the young performers also played numbers, with the Magi also singing.

An angel appeared to Zachariah, who heard the good news that his prayers had been heard and that Elizabeth would bear a long-awaited child. Mary also had a visit from the angel Gabriel, who told her she would be with child, and who calmed her anxious questions by telling her that this would be a very special baby.

Mary went to visit Elizabeth, soon after hearing the news, and stayed with her three months before returning home.

Joseph was unsettled to know that his wife-to-be was expecting a child, but after an angel appeared to him in a dream, he did as the angel commanded and took Mary home as his wife. Soon after, they found they would have to travel to their own town to register in the census decreed by Caesar Augustus.

The most familiar part of the story, with shelter found in a stable when the inn overflowed with others also in town for the census, and the birth of Jesus in this humble setting, and the shepherds, alerted by angels, coming to see this miracle for themselves, follows.

However, less known is the holy family's visit to the temple on the eighth day after Jesus' birth, following the Law of Moses, when the baby was blessed by Simeon, who prophesied that this tiny child would one day be crucified. Anna, the ancient prophetess who worshipped at the temple night and day, gave thanks to God for His birth.

The Magi came to Herod, asking, "Where is He who is born King of the Jews?" Herod, who had no intention of giving up that title, asked that they make a careful search for Him, and then return and tell him where he could find the new King, that he might go and worship as well.

The three followed the star, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and bowed down in worship. However, being warned in a dream that Herod was planning to slay the Baby, they did not go back to tell him, instead returning to their country by another route.

Joseph was also warned in a dream that the Baby was in danger, and took Jesus and Mary to Egypt, leaving under the cover of darkness.

Herod was angry at their escape, and ordered all boy children under two to be killed. Not long after, Herod himself died, and Joseph brought Mary and Jesus back to Nazareth, where the child grew strong and healthy.

At the conclusion of the story, all performers were called back on stage, with the entire ensemble described by the director as "a typical multitude,' from the well-dressed and regal Magi to the giggling townsfolk and the hard-to-corral sheep, made up of all those who may have played a role in this most important story of all: the birth of Jesus.

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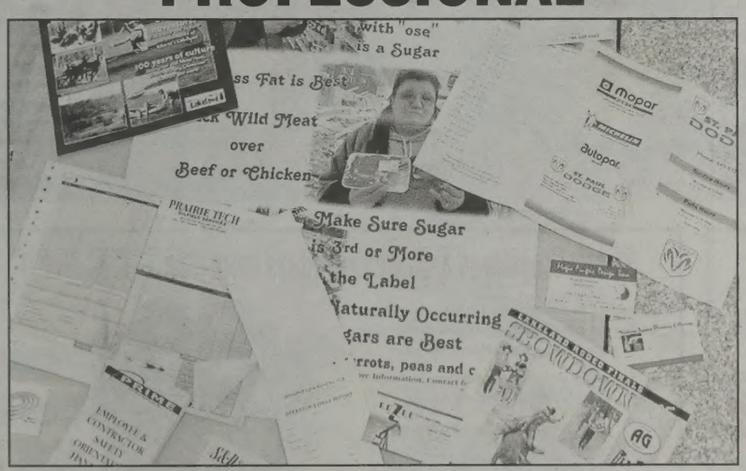

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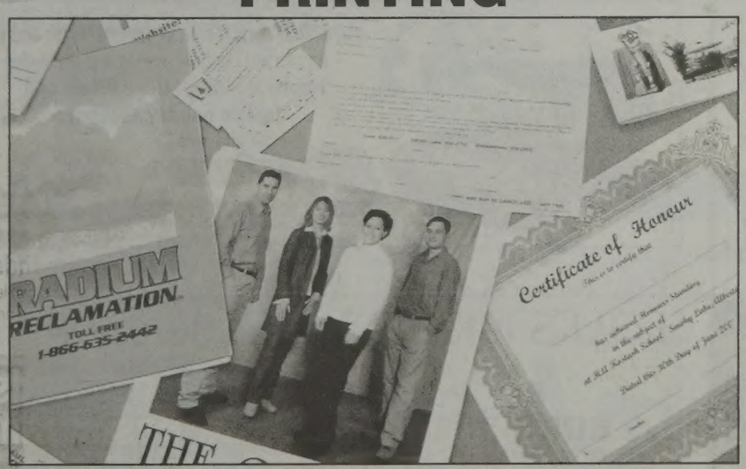

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County council

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"Tendering the project would allow the county to gain a better perspective on the current market and the county would not be obligated to award the tender," according to the county's December agenda package.

Council agreed to move forward with tendering out the project. But did not agree to start the process of putting in place a short term borrowing bylaw.

Penalties

In a recorded vote, council denied a request to waive penalties for a developer who allegedly agreed to pay for paving of part of a development this summer, with the agreement that he would pay the county back for the work done.

The developer initially requested council waive the entire invoice of paving, and at the November council meeting, councillors denied the request. This month, he requested the penalties of nearly $3,500 be waived.

Coun. Glen Ockerman, Coun. Maxine Fodness and Reeve Steve Upham voted in favour of waiving the penalties if the remaining invoice of $57,000 is paid by the end of February. The remaining four councillors voted against the motion, defeating it.

Subdivision amendments

Council gave first reading to Bylaw 2013-50 at last week's meeting, following a lengthy discussion on changes being made to the size of subdivision allows off agriculturally zoned property.

The changes will update the Land Use Bylaw and the Municipal Development Plan.

"The amendment will allow for an increase in subdivisions size on existing yard sites to allow for up to 20 acres," explained Kitz, via email with the Journal, after the meeting. "Vacant farmland (land currently under cultivation, pasture or treed) subdivisions will allow a maximum lot size of 10 acres. The total land used for the purpose of subdivision on a quarter section remains at 10 acres/quarter section. A landowner will still be permitted to create up to 4 subdivisions/quarter section as long as the total area of those subdivisions does not exceed 20 acres."

A public hearing will be held in January to hear feedback on the proposed changes. The bylaws affected can be viewed on the County of St. Paul's website.

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Benefit dance

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Terra-Lee says the family has been dealing with Logan's diagnosis for four years already, and feels there could be other deserving family's out there, but, she views the benefit as a good opportunity to raise awareness about ITP and what Logan goes through each month.

Tickets

Tickets for the New Years Eve Family Benefit Dance can be purchased at the Co-op Gas Bar in St. Paul, Kelly's Closet in Elk Point, the Parent Link Centre at the Town of St. Paul building, and at the SPAN office.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under.

Donations are being accepted and interested donors can contact Tammy Yuschyshyn at (780) 645-1327.

School board

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He explained that if around six minutes are added to each school day, division schools would accomplish more during those days, and the school year would save two to three days in the long run having accomplished more during each day.

Girl Power

A local businesswoman has requested to run Girl Power, a development program for girls, within the division. The program features sessions that focus on social matters such as making friendships, self-esteem, and the resolution of interpersonal conflicts.

Brodziak said principals support the program and there will be an early registration in January to see how popular the idea is. Advertising in division schools and the costs of participation are still pending.

Synrevoice

Brodziak reported the Synrevoice auto call system was used for the first time, in circumstances that weren't a test, on Dec. 6, to notify parents to a number of bus cancellations in the division that day.

"It allows us to get information out to parents really quickly, instead of requiring someone to sit down and start calling everyone," said Brodziak.

The system uses three means of communication to make announcements, text messages, phone calls, and emails. The focus of the emails and text messages will be on delivering general announcements, while phone calls will be used to report more urgent matters like cancellations.

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Time holds a million memories
And a thousand silent tears.
To us you were so special,
What more is there to say,
Except to wish with all our hearts,
That you were here today.

Forever loved and greatly missed by Peter and Patricia.

IN MEMORIAM

MOROZIUK, Marshall E.

Feb. 6, 1954-Dec. 19, 2012

More each passing year we miss him
Many think the world is healed,
But they know little of the sorrow
Lying in our hearts concealed.

A silent thought, a secret tear,
Keeps his memory ever dear.
Time takes away the edge of grief
But memory turns back every leaf.

We think of you with love today,
As we have done so often.
We feel once more the bitter blow,
That does not seem to soften.

Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,
To love, to cherish and never forget.
Sweetly, tender, forever true,
There is not a day we do not think of you.

May the winds of love blow gently
And whisper so you can hear,
How much we love and miss you
And wish that you were here.

Lovingly remembered by Agnes; Robyn, Myrna & Family; Shaun, Sheryl & Family; Gladys, Jack & Family.

OBITUARY

DREILICK, Alice

On December 9, 2013, Mrs. Alice Dreilick of Derwent passed away at the age of 73 years.

She is survived by her loving husband of 34 years, Dennis; 4 daughters, Kim (Kelly) Serhyenko of Cochrane, Leanne (Dan) Gilbert of Elk Point, Karen (Kim) Hawryluk & Denise Dreilick both of Lloydminster; daughter-in-law, Donna Gapka of Calgary; 18 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren; 6 sisters, Pat, Linda, Donna, Sharon, Diane & Denise; numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by 2 sons, Dale & Barry Gapka; parents, Emile & Julie Flamond.

A Memorial Service was held on Friday, December 13 at 1:00 p.m. at Elk Point United Church, Elk Point. Cremation has taken place. If desired, donations may be made to Haying in the 30s Cancer Support Society c/o 5626-51 Street, St. Paul, AB. T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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Tanner Shaw entertained with a piano solo.

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Community Choir

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Two quartets were next on the program, with Udo Mueller, Alan Kostyniuk, Garry Townsend and Linden Lundback accompanied by Sheila Hatch in 'Not Just Any Night', and Mueller and Lundback joined by Hatch and Dixie Coleman in 'Welcome to Our World', accompanied by Lorraine Cabaj.

The men of the choir performed 'Way Down in Bethlehem', with Mueller at the keyboard, before they were joined by the ladies and a whistle-toting gentleman dressed in toque and referee stripes for the choir's lively rendition of Stompin' Tom Connors' 'The Hockey Song.'

It was back to Christmas tradition for the balance of the program, with Kelsey Taylor on drums and Dixie Coleman on shakers for 'What Child is This?' while a chorus of finger snapping gave the choir's presentation of 'God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen' their special touch. The flutes of Kelsey Taylor and Robyn Sieben accompanied 'Here We Come A-Caroling', with Taylor moving over to the drums, Dixie Coleman taking up the shakers and Deanna Easthope moving over to turn pages for Sheila Hatch on piano for the final number of the evening, 'A Joyful Night,' featuring solos by Caitlin Tazzer, the perfect ending for a truly joyful evening of fine entertainment.

Linden Lundback, Dixie Coleman, Udo Mueller and Sheila Hatch sing 'Welcome to Our World'.

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